



Serving Vulnerable Youth

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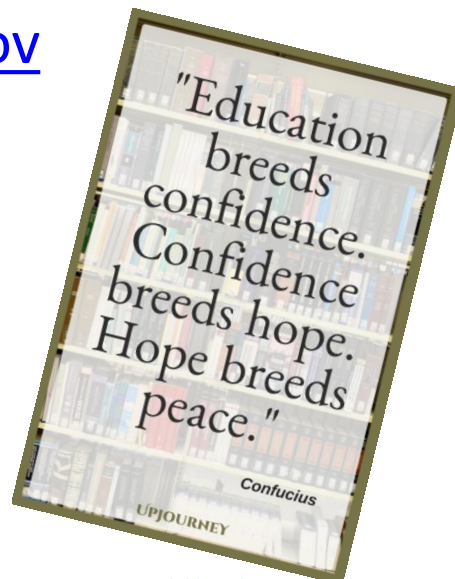
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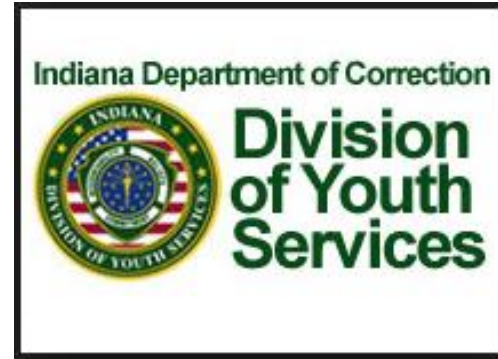
For more information pertaining specifically to our Education Services program, please visit our website: <https://www.in.gov/dcs/3958.htm> or contact Melaina Gant, Education Services Director
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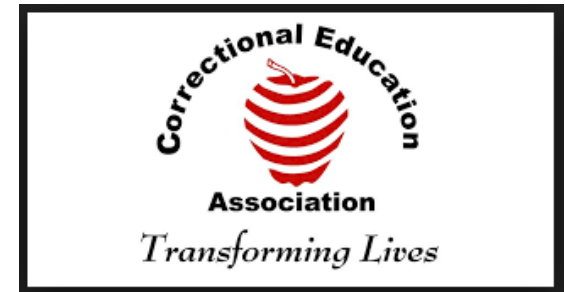
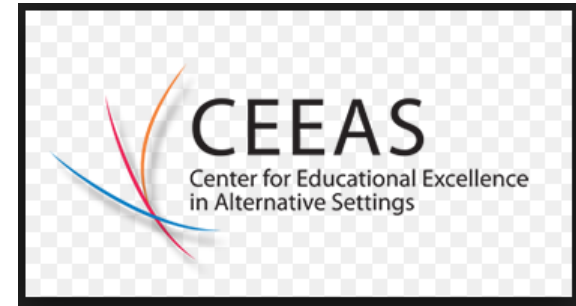
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Websites:

- <https://www.doe.in.gov/>
- <https://www.in.gov/dwd/>
- <https://www.hopementoring.com/>
- <https://ceanational.org/>
- <https://www.ceeas.org/>



Alternative Education Programs

- **Eligible Students:** To qualify as an eligible student, a student must:
 - Be enrolled in grades six - twelve
 - Be likely to benefit academically, behaviorally, or both
 - Meet at least one of the following criteria
 - Intends to withdraw or has withdrawn from school before graduation
 - Has failed to comply academically
 - Would benefit from instruction offered in a manner different from the traditional setting
 - Is a parent or expectant parent
 - Is employed and the employment is necessary for the support of the student or the student's family and interferes with a part of the student's instructional day
- **Individual Service Plans:**
 - Initial plan must be jointly prepared by the student's teacher or teachers and the principal or designee
 - Must be:
 - In writing
 - Have educational and behavioral goals appropriate for the student
 - Identify services required by the student and the student's immediate family to meet the educational and behavior goals specified in the plan



Alternative Education Programs

- **Program Organizers:** By law, the program organizer of an alternative education program must be the governing body of a school corporation or charter school. School corporations must have the program approved by their school board prior to submitting a proposal.
- **Qualifications:** “To qualify as an alternative education program, the program must be an educational program for eligible students that instructs the eligible students in a different manner than the manner of instruction available in a traditional school setting”.
 - Student-Teacher Ratio no greater than 15:1
 - Session time must be at least three hours
 - Student Instructional Day remains six hours (waivers may be possible)
- **Funding:**
 - Maximum of \$750 per Full Time Equivalent (FTE) student
 - Most recent distribution was \$656.50 per FTE
 - \$6,242,816 per year included in the next biennial budget (as of March 20)



Contact Information and Resources:

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[National Alternative Education Association Exemplary Practices 2.0:
Standards of Quality and Program Evaluation 2014](#)





Serving Foster Youth as a Vulnerable Population Through ESSA

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Important Resources Related To Serving Foster Youth

Key Websites:

IDOE: <https://www.doe.in.gov/sebw/foster-youth>

DCS: <https://www.in.gov/dcs/3958.htm>

Legal Center for Foster Care & Education:

<http://www.fostercareandeducation.org/NewsUpdates.aspx>

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